



Behavioral Intervention Teams (BIT): Beyond Threat Assessment

Violent acts on college and university campus' are an ever present concern. Suicides are the third leading cause of death to U.S. youth. Through funding received from the Department of Justice, Rhodes State College has developed a one-day workshop to assist Behavioral Intervention Teams in managing both situations more effectively. Rhodes State College has partnered with the Northeast Ohio Medical University and the University of Cincinnati in making this training available for college and university personnel in southwestern Ohio. This free one-day workshop will focus on the best practices of BIT in higher education settings and is ideal for Campus BIT members. Facilitators will cover:

- Guiding principles and practices of effective threat assessment and management
- Developing a BIT
- Assessment- is it mental disorder or behavior?
- NaBITA and Waiver 21 assessment tools
- Tabletop practice exercise

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this training, the participant will be able to:

1. Recognize the warning signs that may precede a violent act on campus.
2. List two operational principles for effective Behavioral Intervention Team function.
3. Explain the connection between suicide and:
 - a. Substance abuse
 - b. Weapons
 - c. Depression
4. Design an appropriate BIT intervention to a hypothetical case study.

Trainers: Patricia McSteen PhD and Judy Piercy Dr. McSteen is the Associate Dean of Students at Ohio University. Judy Piercy is the University of Ohio's Ombudsperson. The two have a combined total of over 65 years of experience in dealing with severe behavior disorders. Both were founding members of Ohio University's Behavioral Intervention Team.

When: May 6 or May 7, 2014

University of Cincinnati, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
225 Calhoun Street
Cincinnati, OH 45219.

Parking garage is attached to the CAPS building, U Square East Garage. Calhoun Street is one way west; the garage is east of the entrance to the CAPS building. After parking, exit the garage onto Calhoun, turn left, and walk to the CAPS building entrance. There is an intercom system that can be used to get into the building. Attached is a map of the University of Cincinnati campus. Call the Counseling and Psychological Services at 513-556-0648 for help with directions.

Register on line!

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Class size will be limited to 30.

Program Sponsors



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